# Stochastic Proceses 2014

# 1. Poisson Process

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# Random variables

#### Random variable

Let (S, S) and (R, B) be measurable spaces, and  $X : S \to R$  a function. The function X is a (R, B)-random variable if  $X^{-1}(B) \subset S$ .

If  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{B}$  is a generating set of  $\mathcal{B}$ , and  $X^{-1}(\mathcal{C}) \subset S$ , then X is a random variable. In fact, let  $\mathcal{E} = \left\{ B \in \mathcal{B} \middle| X^{-1}(B) \in S \right\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{E}$  is a sub- $\sigma$ -algebra of  $\mathcal{B}$ , and  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{E}$ , then  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{B}$ , see [Williams 3.2.b]. The  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by X is  $X^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$ . From  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{B}$ , we have  $X^{-1}(\mathcal{C}) \subset X^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$ , hence  $\sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{C})) \subset X^{-1}(\mathcal{B}) = X^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{C}))$ . Let  $\mathcal{E} = \left\{ B \in \mathcal{B} \middle| X^{-1}(B) \in \sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{C})) \right\}$ . As  $\mathcal{E}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra containing  $\mathcal{C}$  and contained in in  $\mathcal{B}$ , then  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{B}$  and  $X^{-1}(\mathcal{B}) = \sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{C}))$ .

### Checking Measurability

Let (S, S) be a measurable space and  $X : S \to R$ . If C is a family of subsets of R and  $X^{-1}(C) \subset S$ , then

1. X is a random variable in  $(S, \sigma(\mathcal{C}))$ ;

2. 
$$\sigma(X) = X^{-1}(\sigma(\mathcal{C})) = \sigma(X^{-1}(\mathcal{C})).$$

In particular, if  $S \subset R$  and  $X : S \ni x \mapsto x \in R$  is the immersion, then  $X^{-1}(\mathcal{C}) = \mathcal{C} \cap S = \{C \cap S | C \in \mathcal{C}\}.$ 

# 2. Stochastic Process

### 1 Trajectory: definition

Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a real interval, the set of times. Let D be a set of real functions  $u: \mathcal{I} \to \mathbb{R}$ , the set of trajectories. Given  $t \in \mathcal{I}$ , the mapping  $\Pi_t: D \to \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $\Pi_t(u) = u(t)$  is the evaluation of the trajectory at t. Let  $\mathcal{D} = \sigma(\Pi_t: t \in \mathcal{I})$  be the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by the evaluations. The measurable space  $(D, \mathcal{D})$  is a space of trajectories.

### 2 Stochastic process: definition

Given a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  and a space of trajectories  $(D, \mathcal{D})$ , a *stochastic process* on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  with trajectories in D is a random variable  $X : \Omega \to D$ ,  $X^{-1} : \mathcal{D} \to \mathcal{F}$ . The *distribution* of X is  $\mathbb{P} \circ X^{-1}$ .

### 3 Stochastic process: distribution

- 1. If  $t_1, \ldots, t_n \in \mathcal{I}$ , then  $(X_{t_1}, \ldots, X_{t_n})$  is random variable in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  whose distribution is called *finite-dimensional distribution* at  $t_1, \ldots, t_n \in \mathcal{I}$ .
- 2. Finite dimensional distributions characterize the distribution of the stochastic process.

#### E1

# Check 3.1–2. Use [Williams.3]: Def 3.1 applies to general range, not just to real valued functions.

The family of events of the form  $\left\{\omega \in S \middle| X_{t_1} \in B_1, \ldots, X_{t_n} \in B_n \right\}$ , for  $B_1, \ldots, B_n \in \mathcal{B}$ , is a  $\pi$ -system that generates  $X^{-1}(\mathcal{D})$ . Note that it is enough to take the B's is a  $\pi$ -system for  $\mathbb{R}$ .

#### E2

Consider the polynomials  $l_0(x) = 1$ ,  $l_1(x) = \sqrt{3}(2x - 1)$ ,  $l_2(x) = \sqrt{5}(6x^2 - 6x + 1)$ ; check the orthonormality on [0, 1]. Define  $L_i(t) = \int_0^t l_i(x) dx$ . Given  $Z_0, Z_1, Z_2$  iid N(0, 1), define the stochastic process  $W^{(2)} = L_0 Z_0 + L_1 Z_1 + L_2 Z_2$ . Compute Cov  $\left(W_s^{(2)}, W_t^{(2)}\right)$  and the marginal distribution of  $\left(W_s^{(2)}, W_t^{(2)}\right)$  Note that  $W^{(2)}$  is a stochastic process whose trajectories are polynomials of degree up to 3, and  $\mathbb{E}\left(W_t^{(2)}\right) = \mathbb{E}\left(L_0(t)Z_0 + L_1(t)Z_1 + L_2(t)Z_2\right) = 0.$ 

$$\int_{0}^{1} l_{0}(x)l_{0}(x) dx = \int_{0}^{1} 1^{2} dx = 1$$

$$\int_{0}^{1} l_{1}(x)l_{1}(x) dx = \int_{0}^{1} (\sqrt{3}(2x-1))^{2} dx = 3\int_{0}^{1} (4x^{2}-4x+1) dx = 1$$

$$\int_{0}^{1} l_{0}(x)l_{1}(x) dx = \int_{0}^{1} 1(\sqrt{3}(2x-1)) dx = 0$$

$$\int_{0}^{1} l_{2}(x)l_{2}(x) dx = \int_{0}^{1} (\sqrt{5}(6x^{2}-6x+1))^{2} dx = 5\int_{0}^{1} (36x^{4}-72x^{3}+48x^{2}-12x+1) dx = 1$$

$$\int_{0}^{1} l_{0}(x)l_{2}(x) dx = \int_{0}^{1} 1(\sqrt{5}(6x^{2}-6x+1)) dx = 0$$

$$\int_{0}^{1} l_{1}(x)l_{2}(x) dx = \int_{0}^{1} ((\sqrt{3}(2x-1)))((\sqrt{5}(6x^{2}-6x+1))) dt = 0$$

$$Cov\left(W_{s}^{(2)}, W_{t}^{(2)}\right) = \mathbb{E}\left((L_{0}(s)Z_{0} + L_{1}(s)Z_{1} + L_{2}(s)Z_{2})(L_{0}(t)Z_{0} + L_{1}(t)Z_{1} + L_{2}(t)Z_{2})\right) = \sum_{i,j=0}^{n} L_{i}(s)L_{j}(t) \mathbb{E}\left(Z_{i}Z_{j}\right) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} L_{i}(s)L_{i}(t)$$

$$(W_{s}^{(2)}, W_{t}^{(2)}) \sim \mathsf{N}\left(0, \begin{bmatrix}\sum_{i=0}^{n} L_{i}^{2}(s) & \sum_{i=0}^{n} L_{i}(s)L_{i}(t)\\\sum_{i=0}^{n} L_{i}(s)L_{i}(t) & \sum_{i=0}^{n} L_{i}^{2}(t)\end{bmatrix}\right)$$

To be continued in the chapter on Wiener process.

# Exponential distribution

The exponential distribution  $Exp(\lambda)$  has support  $[0, +\infty)$  and it is a model for random times. The parameter  $\lambda > 0$  is the *intensity*. The positive random variable X has exponential distribution with intensity  $\lambda$  $(\lambda > 0)$  if its density is  $f_X(x) = \lambda \exp(-\lambda x)(x > 0)$ . The survival function is 1 if x < 0 and for x > 0 its value is  $R_X(x) = \exp(-\lambda x)$ . The distribution function is 0 if x < 0 and for x > 0 its value is  $F_X(x) = 1 - R_X(x) = 1 - \exp(-\lambda x)$ . The quantile function,  $\{x | F_X(x) \ge u\} = \{x | Q_X(u) \le x\}, 0 < u < 1, \text{ is } Q_X(u) = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \ln(1-u),$  $\in ]0,1[$ . The expected value is  $\mathbb{E}(X) = \int_0^{+\infty} R_X(x) dx = \int_0^{+\infty} \exp(-\lambda x) dx = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ . The moment generating function is  $M_X(t) = \mathbb{E}(\exp(tX)) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + t}$  if  $t < \lambda$ . The variance is Var  $(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$ . If  $X_1, \ldots, X_n$  are iid Exp $(\lambda)$ , then  $T = X_1 + \cdots + X_n$  is  $\Gamma(n, \lambda)$ , with density  $f_T(t) = \frac{\lambda^n t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} e^{-\lambda t} (t > 0)$ . [If p is a proposition, the (p) is the truth value, i.e. the indicator function.]

# The exponential distribution is memory-less

# Easy version Let $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ . For each $a, t \ge 0$ , $\mathbb{P}(X > t + a \mid X > a) = \mathbb{P}(X > t)$ .

### More sophisticated version

Let  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$  and let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra independent of X. If A and B are positive  $\mathcal{G}$ -measurable random variables, then for all t > 0,

$$\mathbb{E}\left(B(X > t + A)\right) = \mathbb{P}\left(X > t\right)\mathbb{E}\left(B(X > A)\right).$$

Proofs: Independence implies (see [Williams 8.3-4])

$$\mathbb{E}\left(B(X > t + A)\right) = \mathbb{E}\left(\int_{0}^{+\infty} B(x > t + A) \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx\right) = \mathbb{E}\left(Be^{-\lambda(t+A)}\right) = e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E}\left(Be^{-\lambda A}\right)$$

The easy version is A = a, B = 1, G trivial.

### E3 Same assumptions: $\mathbb{E}(B(X > t + A) | \mathcal{G}) = Be^{-\lambda(t+A)}$ .

Use [Williams 9.10].

#### E4 Compute $\mathbb{E}((X > t) | \sigma(\{X > a\} : a < s)), s < t$ .

Let  $(S, S, \mathbb{P})$  the probability space where X is defined and let  $X_t = (X \le t)$  be the stochastic processes that has a unit jump at the random time X. For each time t, the  $\sigma$  algebra  $\sigma(X_t)$  is  $\{\emptyset, S, \{X \le t\}, \{X > t\}\}$ , with generator  $\{X > t\}$ . The  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{F}_s = \sigma(X_a: a \le s)$  has generators  $C = \{\{X > a\} | a \le s\}$ , which is a  $\pi$ -system as  $\{X > a_1\} \cap \{X > a_2\} = \{X > \max(a_1, a_2)\}$ , see [Williams 1.6]. A bounded random variable B is  $\mathcal{F}_s$ -measurable if, and only if,  $B = g(X)(X \le s) + c(X > s)$ , with g Borel bounded and c constant. In fact the class  $\mathcal{H} = \{g(X)(X \le s) + c(X > s)\} | g \in \mathcal{B}_b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a monotone class containing the indicators of C because  $(X > a) = (X > a)(X \le s) + c(X > s)$ , see [Williams 9.2]. Let us compute g and c such that  $\mathbb{E}((X > t) | \mathcal{F}_s) = g(X)(X \le s) + c(X > s)$ , see [Williams 9.2]. For all  $s \le a$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}\left((X > a)(X > t)\right) = \mathbb{E}\left((X > a)(g(X)(X \le s) + c(X > s))\right), \quad a \le s,$$

hence

$$\exp\left(-\lambda t\right) = \mathbb{E}\left(\left(a < X \leq s\right)g(X)\right) + c\exp\left(-\lambda s\right), \quad a \leq s.$$

If a = s,  $\exp(-\lambda t) = c \exp(-\lambda s)$ , then  $c = \exp(-\lambda(t - s))$ . It follows

$$\mathbb{E}\left((a < X \leq s)g(X)\right) = \int_{s}^{s} g(x) \ \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \ dx = 0, \quad s \leq a$$

so that g = 0 and  $\mathbb{E}\left((X > t) | \mathcal{F}_s\right) = \exp\left(-\lambda(t - s)\right)(X > s)$ .

### E5 Compute $\mathbb{E}(X_t - X_s | \mathcal{F}_s), s \leq t$ .

From the previous computation,

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}\left(X_t - X_s \mid \mathcal{F}_s\right) &= 1 - \mathbb{E}\left((X > t) \mid \mathcal{F}_s\right) - X_s = 1 - \exp\left(-\lambda(t - s)\right)(X > s) - X_s = \\ & 1 - \exp\left(-\lambda(t - s)\right)(1 - X_s) - X_s = \left(\exp\left(-\lambda(t - s)\right) - 1\right)(X_s - 1) \ge 0, \end{split}$$

then  $(X_t, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \ge 0}$  is a sub-martingale, see [Williams 10.3].

#### E6

Show that  $A = \lambda \int_0^{\cdot} (X_u - 1) du$  is an absolutely continuous *compensator* of X, that is it is a process with absolutely continuous trajectories and such that M = X - A is a martingale [CD1].

Having checked that it is correct to exchange integration with conditional expectation,

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}\left(A_t - A_s \mid \mathcal{F}_s\right) &= \\ \mathbb{E}\left(\lambda \int_s^t (X_u - 1) \, du \mid \mathcal{F}_s\right) = -\lambda \int_s^t \mathbb{E}\left((X > u) \mid \mathcal{F}_s\right) \, du = -\lambda \int_s^t e^{-\lambda(u-s)}(X > s) \, du = \\ & \left(-\lambda \int_s^t e^{-\lambda(u-s)} \, du\right)(X > s) = \left. e^{-\lambda(u-s)} \right|_s^t (X > s) = \mathbb{E}\left(X_t - X_s \mid \mathcal{F}_s\right), \end{split}$$

so that  $\mathbb{E}(X_t - A_t | \mathcal{F}_s) = X_s - A_s$ .

#### E7

#### Compute $\mathbb{E}(\phi(X_t) | \mathcal{F}_s)$ to show that the process X. is a Markov process. Compute the transitions.

As  $\phi(X_t) = \phi(0)(X > t) + \phi(1)(X \le t) = \phi(1) + (\phi(0) - \phi(1)(X > t))$ , the conditional expectation is

$$\mathbb{E}(\phi(X_t) | \mathcal{F}_s) = \phi(1) + (\phi(0) - \phi(1)) \mathbb{E}((X > t) | \mathcal{F}_s) = \phi(1) + (\phi(0) - \phi(1)) e^{-\lambda(t-s)} (X > s) = P_{s,t}\phi(X_s),$$

with

$$P_{s,t}\phi(x) = \begin{cases} \phi(0)\mathrm{e}^{-\lambda(t-s)} + \phi(1)\left(1 - \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda(t-s)}\right) & \text{if } x = 0\\ \phi(1) & \text{if } x = 1. \end{cases}$$

The transitions are computed as

$$\mathbb{P}\left(X_t = y | X_s = x\right) = \frac{\mathbb{P}\left(X_s = x, X_t = y\right)}{\mathbb{P}\left(X_s = x\right)} = \frac{\mathbb{E}\left(\left(X_s = x\right)(X_t = y)\right)}{\mathbb{P}\left(X_s = x\right)} = \frac{\mathbb{E}\left(\left(X_s = x\right)\mathbb{E}\left(\left(X_t = y\right)|\mathcal{F}_s\right)\right)}{\mathbb{P}\left(X_s = x\right)}$$

and the previous formula for  $\phi = \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{y}}$ .

#### E8

If  $X_1, X_2, \ldots$  is an infinite sequence of independent random variables with common distribution  $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$  and  $T_0 = 0$ ,  $T_1 = X_1$ ,  $T_2 = X_1 + X_2$ ,  $T_3 = X_1 + X_2 + X_3 \ldots$  i.e.,  $T_0 = 0$  and  $T_n = T_{n-1} + X_n$ ,  $n \ge 1$ , then  $T_n \uparrow +\infty$  for  $n \to \infty$  a.s.

For all a > 0

$$\mathbb{P}\left(T_n \leq a\right) = \lambda \int_0^a \frac{(\lambda t)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} e^{-\lambda t} dt \to 0, \quad n \to \infty,$$

as 
$$((\lambda t)^{n-1}/(n-1)!)_n$$
 is decreasing if  $n \ge \lambda a$ . Cf. [Williams 12.5].

## 11. Poisson process: construction

#### Definition

Let  $X_1, X_2, \ldots$  be iid  $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$  on the probability space  $(S, S, \mathbb{P})$  and  $T_0 = 0$  and  $T_n = T_{n-1} + X_n$ ,  $n \ge 1$ . Let  $(D, \mathcal{D})$  be the space of trajectories on the set of times  $[0, +\infty[$  which are 0 at t = 0 and take the value  $n = 0, 1, 2 \ldots$  on the interval  $[t_n, t_{n+1}[$  where  $t_0 < t_1 < t_2 \ldots$  and  $t_n \to \infty$  as  $n \to \infty$ . The Poisson process with jump times  $(T_n)_n$  is defined at each  $\omega \in \{\lim_n T_n = +\infty\}$  as the trajectory in  $(D, \mathcal{D})$  with jumps  $T_1(\omega), T_2(\omega), \ldots$ , that is

$$N_t(\omega) = \sum_n n \ (T_n(\omega) \le n < T_{n+1}(\omega)) =$$
$$\# \{T_k(\omega) | T_k \le t\} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (T_n \le t).$$

# 12. Poisson process: properties from Def (0)

- 1. Each  $N_t$  is Poisson distributed with mean  $\lambda t$ :  $\mathbb{P}(N_t = n) = \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda t}$ .
- 2. Each increment  $N_t N_s$ , s < t, is Poisson distributed with mean  $\lambda(t-s)$ :  $\mathbb{P}(N_t N_s = n) = \frac{(\lambda(t-s))^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda(t-s)}$ .
- 3. Disjoint increments are independent: for all natural n and reals  $t_1 < T_2 < \cdots < t_n$ , the random variables  $N_{t_j} N_{t_{j-1}}$ ,  $j = 1, \ldots, n$  and independent, hence
- 4. the sequence  $N_{t_1}, N_{t_2}, \ldots, N_{t_n}$  has the Markov property

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\phi(N_{t_n}) \left| N_{t_{n-1}}, N_{t_{n-2}}, \dots \right.\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi(n+N_{t_{n-1}}) \frac{(\lambda(t_n-t_{n-1})^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda(T_n-t_{n-1})}$$

1. 
$$\mathbb{P}(N_t = n) = \mathbb{E}((T_n \ge t)(t - T_n < X_{n+1})) = \mathbb{E}((T_n \le t) \exp(-\lambda(t - T_n))) = \int_0^t e^{-\lambda t(t-x)} \frac{\lambda^n x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} e^{-\lambda x} dx = e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!}.$$
  
2.a  $\mathbb{P}(N_s = n, N_t = n) = \mathbb{E}((T_n \ge s)(t - T_n < X_{n+1})) = \mathbb{E}((T_n \le s) \exp(-\lambda(t - T_n))) = \int_0^s e^{-\lambda t(-x)} \frac{\lambda^n x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} e^{-\lambda x} dx = e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda s)^n}{n!} = \operatorname{Poisson}(n, \lambda).$   
 $\mathbb{P}(N_t - N_s = 0) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(N_s = n, N_t = n) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda s)^n}{n!} = e^{-\lambda(t-s)} = \operatorname{Poisson}(0; \lambda(t-s)).$   
2.b  $\mathbb{P}(N_s = n - 1, N_t = n) = \mathbb{E}((T_{n-1} \le s < T_n \le t)(t - T_n < X_{n+1})) = \mathbb{E}((T_{n-1} \le s < T_n \le t)\exp(-\lambda(t - T_n))) = e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E}((T_{n-1} \le s)e^{\lambda T_n - 1}(s - T_{n-1} \le X_n < t - T_{n-1})e^{\lambda X_n}) = e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E}((T_{n-1} \le s)e^{\lambda T_n - 1}(s - T_{n-1} \le x_n < t - T_{n-1})e^{\lambda X_n}) = \lambda(t - s)e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E}((T_{n-1} \le s)e^{\lambda T_{n-1}}) = \lambda(t - s)e^{-\lambda t} \int_0^s e^{\lambda x} \frac{\lambda^{n-1} x^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} e^{-\lambda x} dx = \lambda(t - s)\frac{(\lambda s)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} e^{-\lambda t} = \lambda(t - s)e^{-\lambda(t-s)} = \operatorname{Poisson}(1; \lambda(t - s)).$ 

$$\begin{aligned} 2\mathbf{c} \, \mathbb{P} \left( N_{s} = n - k, N_{t} = n \right) &= \mathbb{E} \left( (T_{n-k} \le s < T_{n-k+1}) (T_{n} \le t) (t - T_{n} < X_{n+1}) \right) = \\ \mathbb{E} \left( (T_{n-k} \le s < T_{n-k+1}) (T_{n} \le t) \exp(-\lambda(t - T_{n})) \right) = \\ \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda t} \, \mathbb{E} \left( (T_{n-k} \le s < T_{n-k+1}) (T_{n} \le t) \mathrm{e}^{\lambda T_{n}} \right) = \\ \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda t} \, \mathbb{E} \left( (T_{n-k} \le s < T_{n-k+1}) \mathrm{e}^{\lambda T_{n-k+1}} (X_{n-k+2} + \dots + X_{n-1} \le t - T_{n-k+1}) \mathrm{e}^{\lambda(X_{n-k+2} + \dots + X_{n-1})} \right) = \\ \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda t} \, \mathbb{E} \left( (T_{n-k} \le s) (t < T_{n-k+1}) \mathrm{e}^{\lambda T_{n-k+1}} \int_{0}^{t - T_{n-k+1}} \mathrm{e}^{\lambda y} \frac{\lambda^{k-1} y^{k-2}}{(k-2)!} \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda y} \, dy \right) = \\ \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda t} \, \frac{\lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \, \mathbb{E} \left( (T_{n-k} \le s) (t < T_{n-k+1}) \mathrm{e}^{\lambda T_{n-k+1}} (t - T_{n-k+1})^{k-1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

# 14. Poisson process: filtration

Let N be a Poisson process with jump times  $T_1, T_2, \ldots$ . We say that N is the *counting process* of the sequence  $T_1, T_2, \ldots$ . We have  $\{N_t \ge n\} = \{T_n \le t\}.$ 

 $\sigma\text{-algebras}$  generated by a Poisson process

- 1. The  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\sigma(N_t)$  has the generating  $\pi$ -system  $\{\{T_n \leq t\} | n = 1, 2, ...\}.$
- 2. The  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{F}_t = \sigma(N_s : s \leq t)$  has generating  $\pi$ -system  $\mathcal{C}_t =$

$$\{\{T_{n_1} \le s_1, \ldots, T_{s_m} \le s_m\} | m \in \mathbb{N}, n_1 \le \cdots \le n_m, s_1 < \cdots < s_m \le t\}$$

3. A random variable Y is  $\mathcal{F}_t$  measurable if, and only if,

$$Y = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G_k(N_t = k)$$

where  $G_k$  is a  $\sigma(T_1, \ldots, T_k)$ -measurable random variable,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ .

### 15. Proofs for slide 14 items 1,2

- 1. The sets  $[a, +\infty[, a \in \mathbb{R} \text{ form a } \pi\text{-system for } (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}), \text{ hence } \{\{N_t \geq a\} | a \in \mathbb{R}\} \text{ is a } \pi\text{-system of } \sigma(N_t).$ As  $N_t$  actually takes values in  $\mathbb{Z}_+$ , the system contains set of the form  $\{N_t \geq n\} = \{T_n \leq t\}$  for  $n = 0, 1, \ldots$
- 2. The  $\pi$ -system for  $\mathcal{F}_t$  contains sets which are finite intersections of elements of the form  $\{T_n \leq s\}$  for all n and  $s \leq t$ , that is, for example,

$$\left\{ \mathsf{T}_{n_1} \leq \mathsf{t}_1, \mathsf{T}_{n_2} \leq \mathsf{t}_2, \dots, \mathsf{T}_{n_m} \leq \mathsf{t}_m \right\}$$

for all  $m, n_1, \ldots, n_m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t_1, \ldots, t_m \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . If we order the  $t_i$ 's in increasing order, consider the  $\pi$ -system property for each time, and the increasing order of the  $T_n$ 's we obtain the stated subclass.

### 16. Proof for slide 14 item 3

We use the monotone class theorem [Williams 3.14]. Consider the set of random variables

$$\mathcal{H} = \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G_k(N_t = k) \middle| G_k \in \mathcal{L}^{\infty}(\mathcal{G}_k), k \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \right\},\$$

with  $G_k = \sigma(T_1, \ldots, T_k)$ . It is a vector space, it contains the constants, and it is closed for increasing limits. In fact, on each element of the partition  $\{N_t = k\}, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  is a generic class of bounded random variables. Moreover, it is an *ring*, as

$$\left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G_k(N_t=k)\right) \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G'_k(N_t=k)\right) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G_k G'_k(N_t=k).$$

Each indicator function of the form  $(T_n \leq s)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ ,  $s \leq t$ , belongs to  $\mathcal{H}$ . In fact,

$$(T_n \le s)(N_t = k) = (T_n \le s, T_k \le t, T_{k+1} > t) = \begin{cases} (T_n \le s)(N_t = k) & \text{if } n \le k, \\ 0 & \text{if } n > k, \end{cases}$$

hence

$$(T_n \leq s) = \sum_{k \geq n} (T_n \leq s)(N_t = k) = \sum_k G_k(N_t = k),$$

with  $G_k = 0$  for k < n and  $G_k = (T_n \le s)$  for  $k \ge n$ . As  $\mathcal{H}$  is closed for product, each element of the  $\pi$ -system  $C_t$  is included, and the result follows for bounded random variables. The general case is obtained by point-wise limits of bounded random variables.

# 17. Poisson process: conditioning

### Conditioning to $\mathcal{F}_t$

Let N be a Poisson process on (S, S) with jumps  $T_1, T_2, \ldots$ , and let a time  $s \ge 0$  be given.

1. For each integrable random variable Y there exists a sequence  $Y_k = g_k(T_1, \ldots, T_k), \ k = 0, 1, \ldots$ , such that

$$\mathbb{E}(Y|\mathcal{F}_s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} Y_k(N_s = k).$$

2. Each  $Y_n = g_n(T_1, \ldots, T_n)$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \ldots$  is characterized by

$$\mathbb{E}\left(Y(N_s=n)G\right) = \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda s} \mathbb{E}\left(Y_n(T_n \leq s) \mathrm{e}^{\lambda T_n}G\right), \quad G \in \mathcal{L}^{\infty}(T_1, \ldots, T_n).$$

# 18. Exercise

#### E9

#### Prove the previous theorem

See [Williams 9.2]. The conditional expectation  $\mathbb{E}(Y | \mathcal{F}_s)$  is a random variable measurable for  $\mathcal{F}_s$ , then  $\mathbb{E}(Y | \mathcal{F}_s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} Y_k(N_s = k)$ . Note that  $G_n(N_s = n)$ ,  $G_n = g(Y_1, \ldots, Y_n)$ ,  $G_n$  indicator,  $n = 0, 1, \ldots$ , is a  $\pi$ -system for  $\mathcal{F}_s$ . Then we want

$$\mathbb{E}\left(YG_n(N_s=n)\right) = \mathbb{E}\left(\mathbb{E}\left(Y \mid \mathcal{F}_s\right) G_n(N_s=n)\right) = \mathbb{E}\left(\left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} Y_k(N_s=k)\right) G_n(N_s=n)\right) = \mathbb{E}\left(Y_n G_n(N_s=n)\right).$$

As

$$N_{s} = n) = (T_{n} \leq s < T_{n+1}) = (T_{n} \leq s < T_{n} + X_{n+1}) = (T_{n} \leq s)(s - T_{n} < X_{n+1}),$$

from the independence of  $(T_1, \ldots, T_n)$  and  $X_{n+1}$ ,

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}\left(Y_n G_n(N_s = n)\right) &= \mathbb{E}\left(Y_n G_n(T_n \le s)(s - T_n < X_{n+1})\right) = \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left(Y_n G_n(T_n \le s)e^{-\lambda(s - T_n)}\right) = e^{-\lambda s} \mathbb{E}\left(Y_n G_n(T_n \le s)e^{\lambda T_n}\right). \end{split}$$

# 19. Markov property, independent increments

### Key result

1. The Poisson process is a *Markov process* i.e., for each bounded  $\phi \colon \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  and times s < t we have

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\phi(N_t)\,|\mathcal{F}_s\right) = \hat{\phi}(N_s),$$

with transition

$$\hat{\phi}(n) = \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \phi(k) \frac{(\lambda(t-s))^{k-n}}{(k-n)!} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \phi(n+m) \frac{(\lambda(t-s))^m}{m!}$$

2. It follows that the Poisson process has *independent homogeneous increments* i.e., for each bounded  $\phi \colon \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  and times s < t we have

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\phi(N_t-N_s)|\mathcal{F}_s\right)=\mathbb{E}\left(\phi(N_{t-s})\right).$$

#### Ex.10 Proof of 1.

We apply the formula for conditioning to the r.v.  $Y = \phi(N_t)$ , that is  $\mathbb{E}(\phi(N_t) | \mathcal{F}_s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} Y_k(N_s = k)$ , with the characterization  $\mathbb{E}(\phi(N_t)(N_s = n)G_n) = e^{-\lambda s} \mathbb{E}(Y_n(T_n \leq s)e^{\lambda T_n}G_n)$ ,  $G_n = g_n(T_1, \ldots, T_n)$ . The RES is

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\phi(N_t)(N_s=n)G_n\right) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \phi(k) \mathbb{E}\left((N_t=k)(N_s=n)G_n\right) = \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \phi(k) \mathbb{E}\left((N_t=k)(N_s=n)G_n\right)$$

because  $N_s \leq N_t$ . We compute each term of the RES. For k=n we have

$$\mathbb{E}\left((N_t = n)(N_s = n)G_n\right) = \mathbb{E}\left((T_n \le s)(t < T_{n+1})G_n\right) = \mathbb{E}\left((T_n \le s)(t - T_n < X_{n+1})G_n\right) = \mathbb{E}\left((T_n \le s)e^{-\lambda(t - T_n)G_n}\right) = e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E}\left((T_n \le s)e^{-\lambda T_n}G_n\right).$$

If k = n + 1,

$$\begin{split} & \mathbb{E}\left((N_{t} = n + 1)(N_{s} = n)G_{n}\right) = \mathbb{E}\left((N_{s} = n)(T_{n+1} \leq t < T_{n+2})G_{n}\right) = \\ & \mathbb{E}\left((N_{s} = n)(T_{n+1} \leq t < T_{n+1} + X_{n+2})G_{n}\right) = \mathbb{E}\left((N_{s} = n)(T_{n+1} \leq t)(t - T_{n+1} < X_{n+2})G_{n}\right) = \\ & \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda t} \, \mathbb{E}\left((N_{s} = n)(T_{n+1} \leq t)\mathrm{e}^{\lambda T_{n+1}}G_{n}\right) = \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda t} \, \mathbb{E}\left((T_{n} \leq s < T_{n} + X_{n+1})(T_{n} + X_{n+1} \leq t)\mathrm{e}^{\lambda(T_{n} + X_{n+1})}G_{n}\right) = \\ & \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda t} \, \mathbb{E}\left((T_{n} \leq s)\mathrm{e}^{\lambda T_{n}}(s - T_{n} < X_{n+1})(T_{n} \leq t)(X_{n+1} \leq t - T_{n})\mathrm{e}^{\lambda X_{n+1}}G_{n}\right) = \\ & \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda t} \, \mathbb{E}\left((T_{n} \leq s)\mathrm{e}^{\lambda T_{n}}(s - T_{n} < X_{n+1} \leq t - T_{n})\mathrm{e}^{\lambda X_{n+1}}G_{n}\right) = \lambda(t - s)\mathrm{e}^{-\lambda t} \, \mathbb{E}\left((T_{n} \leq s)\mathrm{e}^{\lambda T_{n}}G_{n}\right) \end{split}$$

If k = n + h, h > 1,

$$\mathbb{E}\left((N_{t} = n + h)(N_{s} = n)G_{n}\right) = \mathbb{E}\left((N_{s} = n)(T_{n+h} \le t < T_{n+h+1})G_{n}\right) = \mathbb{E}\left((N_{s} = n)(T_{n+h} \le t < T_{n+h} + X_{n+h+1})G_{n}\right) = \mathbb{E}\left((N_{s} = n)(T_{n+h} \le t)(t - T_{n+h} < X_{n+h+1})G_{n}\right) = e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E}\left((N_{s} = n)(T_{n+h} \le t)e^{\lambda T_{n+k}}G_{n}\right) = e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E}\left((N_{s} = n)(T_{n+1} + (X_{n+2} + \dots + X_{n+h}) \le t)e^{\lambda(T_{n+1} + (X_{n+2} + \dots + X_{n+h}))G_{n}\right) = e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E}\left((N_{s} = n)e^{\lambda T_{n+1}}(T_{n+1} \le t)(X_{n+2} + \dots + X_{n+h} \le t - T_{n+1})e^{\lambda(X_{n+2} + \dots + X_{n+h})}G_{n}\right) = e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E}\left((N_{s} = n)e^{\lambda T_{n+1}}(T_{n+1} \le t)\left(\int_{0}^{t - T_{n+1}}e^{\lambda x}\frac{\lambda^{h-1}x^{h-2}}{(h-2)!}e^{-\lambda x}dx\right)G_{n}\right) = \frac{\lambda^{h-1}}{(h-1)!}e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E}\left((N_{s} = n)e^{\lambda T_{n+1}}(T_{n+1} \le t)(t - T_{n+1})^{h-1}G_{n}\right) = \frac{\lambda^{h-1}}{(h-1)!}e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E}\left((T_{n} \le s < T_{n+1})e^{\lambda T_{n+1}}(T_{n+1} \le t)(t - T_{n+1})^{h-1}G_{n}\right) = \frac{\lambda^{h-1}}{(h-1)!}e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E}\left((T_{n} \le s < T_{n+1})e^{\lambda T_{n+1}}(T_{n+1} \le t)(t - T_{n-1})e^{\lambda T_{n+1}}(t - T_{n} - X_{n+1})^{h-1}G_{n}\right) = \frac{\lambda^{h-1}}{(h-1)!}e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E}\left((T_{n} \le s)e^{\lambda T_{n}}(s - T_{n} < X_{n+1} \le t - T_{n})e^{\lambda X_{n+1}}(t - T_{n} - X_{n+1})^{h-1}G_{n}\right) = \frac{\lambda^{h-1}}{(h-1)!}e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E}\left((T_{n} \le s)e^{\lambda T_{n}}(s - T_{n} < X_{n+1} \le t - T_{n})e^{\lambda X_{n+1}}(t - T_{n} - X_{n+1})^{h-1}G_{n}\right) = \frac{\lambda^{h-1}}{(h-1)!}e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E}\left((T_{n} \le s)e^{\lambda T_{n}}(s - T_{n} < X_{n+1} \le t - T_{n})e^{\lambda X_{n+1}}(t - T_{n} - X_{n+1})^{h-1}G_{n}\right) = \frac{\lambda^{h-1}}{(h-1)!}e^{-\lambda t}\mathbb{E}\left((T_{n} \le s)e^{\lambda T_{n}}(s - T_{n} < X_{n+1} \le t - T_{n})e^{\lambda X_{n+1}}(t - T_{n} - X_{n+1})^{h-1}G_{n}\right) = \frac{\lambda^{h-1}}{(h-1)!}e^{-\lambda t}\mathbb{E}\left((T_{n} \le s)e^{\lambda T_{n}}(s - T_{n} < X_{n+1} \le t - T_{n})e^{\lambda X_{n+1}}(t - T_{n} - X_{n+1})^{h-1}G_{n}\right) = \frac{\lambda^{h-1}}{(h-1)!}e^{-\lambda t}\mathbb{E}\left((T_{n} \le s)e^{\lambda T_{n}}(s - T_{n} < X_{n+1} \le t - T_{n})e^{\lambda X_{n+1}}(t - T_{n} < X_{n+1})^{h-1}G_{n}\right)$$

$$\frac{\lambda^{h-1}}{(h-1)!} \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E} \left( (T_n \leq s) \mathrm{e}^{\lambda T_n} \left( \int_{s-T_n}^{t-T_n} \mathrm{e}^{\lambda x} (t-T_n-x)^{h-1} \lambda \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda x} dx \right) G_n \right) = \frac{(\lambda(t-s))^h}{h!} \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E} \left( (T_n \leq s) \mathrm{e}^{\lambda T_n} G_n \right)$$

Collecting all cases

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\phi(N_t)(N_s=n)G_n\right) = \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E}\left(\left(\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \phi(k) \frac{(\lambda(t-s))^{k-n}}{(k-n)!}\right) (T_n \leq s) \mathrm{e}^{\lambda T_n} G_n\right).$$

It follows  $Y_n = \sum_{k=n}^\infty \phi(k) \frac{(\lambda(t-s))^{k-n}}{(k-n)!}$  and

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\phi(N_t) \mid \mathcal{F}_s\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (N_s = n) \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \phi(k) \frac{(\lambda(t-s))^{k-n}}{(k-n)!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{\phi}(n) (N_s = n) = \hat{\phi}(N_s)$$

Ex.11 Proof of 2.

### E12Telegrapher process.

Define  $Y_t = \int_0^t (-1)^{N_u} du$ . Is it independent increments? A sub-martingale? A Markov process?

# Poisson process as a Lévy process

### Equivalent definition (1)

A counting process N(t),  $t \ge 0$  is a Poisson process with intensity  $\lambda > 0$  if, and only if,

- 1. N(0) = 0
- 2. The process has independent increments.
- 3. The number of events occurring in the time interval ]s, t], with length t s, has Poisson distribution with mean  $\lambda(t s)$ :

$$\mathbb{P}(N(t) - N(s) = n) = e^{-\lambda(t-s)} \frac{(\lambda(t-s))^n}{n!}$$
  $n = 0, 1, 2$ 

R In particular, such a process has stationary increments and is continuous in probability.

#### Ex.13 Proof of Poisson (1) is equivalent to Poisson (0).

The "only if" part is already proved. Let us compute the joint finite distributions of the process N. For  $t_1 < \cdots < t_n$  the random variable  $(N_{t_1}, \ldots, N_{t_n})$  has values in  $\left\{ \mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n \middle| k_1 \leq \cdots \leq k_n \right\}$  and (discrete) density

$$\mathbb{P}\left(N_{t_{1}} = k_{1}, \dots, N_{t_{n}} = k_{n}\right) = \mathbb{P}\left(N_{t_{1}} = k_{1}, \dots, N_{t_{n}} - N_{t_{n-1}} = k_{n} - k_{n-1}\right)$$
$$= \prod_{j=1}^{n} \mathbb{P}\left(N_{t_{j}} - N_{t_{j-1}} = k_{j} - k_{j-1}\right) \qquad k_{0} = 0, t_{0} = 0$$
$$= \prod_{j=1}^{n} e^{-\lambda(t_{j} - t_{j-1})} \frac{(\lambda(t_{j} - t_{j-1}))^{k_{j} - k_{j-1}}}{(k_{j} - k_{j-1})!}$$
$$= e^{-\lambda t_{n}} \prod_{j=1}^{n} \frac{(\lambda(t_{j} - t_{j-1}))^{k_{j} - k_{j-1}}}{(k_{j} - k_{j-1})!}.$$

With  $t_j = s_1 + \cdots + s_j$ ,  $k_j = h_1 + \cdots + h_j$ , we have  $s_j > 0$  and  $h_j \ge 0$ , for  $j = 1, \ldots, n$ , hence

$$\mathbb{P}\left(N_{s_1}=h_1,\ldots,N_{s_1+\cdots+s_n}=h_1+\cdots+h_n\right)=\prod_{j=1}^n e^{-\lambda s_j} \frac{(\lambda s_j)^{h_j}}{h_j!}=e^{-\lambda(s_1+\cdots+s_n)}\prod_{j=1}^n \frac{(\lambda s_j)^{h_j}}{h_j!}.$$

Let us compute the joint distribution of the arrival times. The vector  $(T_1, \ldots, T_n)$  takes values in  $\{t|0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_n\}$ , which in turn is the image of  $\mathbb{R}^n_{>}$  under the cumulative sum map

sum:  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto (x_1, \ldots, x_1 + \cdots + x_n)$ . As  $\{]\mathbf{s}_1, +\infty[\times \cdots \times]\mathbf{s}_n, +\infty[|\mathbf{s}_j > 0\}$  is a  $\pi$ -system, its cumulative sum image is a  $\pi$ -system  $\{]t_1, +\infty[\times \cdots \times]t_n, +\infty[|0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_n\}$ . Let us compute the probability of each element

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{P}\left(T_1 > t_1, \dots, T_n > t_n\right) &= \mathbb{P}\left(N_{t_1} < 1, \dots, N_{t_n} < n\right) \\ &= \sum_{k_2 \le \dots \le k_n, k_j < j} \mathbb{P}\left(N_{t_1} = 0, \dots, N_{t_n} = k_n\right) \\ &= \sum_{k_2 \le \dots \le k_n, k_j < j} e^{-\lambda t_n} \prod_{j=2}^n \frac{\left(\lambda(t_j - t_{j-1})\right)^{k_j - k_j - 1}}{(k_j - k_{j-1})!} \end{split}$$

This equation uniquely identifies the joint distribution of  $T_1, \ldots, T_n$ , hence the joint distribution of the inter-times  $X_j = T_j - T_{j-1}, j = 1, \ldots, n$ . Assume first n = 1,

$$\mathbb{P}(T_1 > t_1) = \mathbb{P}\left(N_{t_1} < 0\right) = e^{-\lambda t_1}, \quad -\frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \mathbb{P}(T_1 > t_1) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t_1}.$$

If n = 2,

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{P}(T_1 > t_1, T_2 > t_2) &= \mathbb{P}\left(N_{t_1} < 1, N_{t_2} < 2\right) = \mathbb{P}\left(N_{t_2} = 0\right) + \mathbb{P}\left(N_{t_1} = 0, N_{t_2} = 1\right) = \\ &e^{-\lambda t_2} + e^{-\lambda t_1} e^{-\lambda(t_2 - t_1)}\lambda(t_2 - t_1) = e^{-\lambda t_2}(1 + \lambda(t_2 - t_1)), \end{split}$$

and

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial t_1}\mathbb{P}(T_1 > t_1, T_2 > t_2) = \lambda \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda t_2}, \quad (-1)^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2}\mathbb{P}(T_1 > t_1, T_2 > t_2) = \lambda^2 \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda t_2}.$$

If n = 3 we have a summation of  $\mathbb{P}\left(N_{t_1} = k_1, N_{t_2} = k_2, N_{t_3} = k_3\right)$  over the cases  $k_1 \le k_2 \le k_3, k_1 < 1, k_2 < 2, k_3 < 3$ , that is

$k_1$	0	0	0	0	0
$k_2$	0	0	0	1	1
k <sub>1</sub> k <sub>2</sub> k <sub>3</sub>	0	1	2	1	2

The time  $t_1$  appears in  $\mathbb{P}\left(N_{t_1}=k_1, N_{t_2}=k_2, N_{t_3}=k_3\right)$  only if  $k_2=1$ , hence

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \mathbb{P}(T_1 > t_1, T_2 > t_2, T_3 > t_3) &= -e^{-\lambda t_3} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \left( \lambda(t_2 - t_1) + \lambda(t_2 - t_1)\lambda(t_3 - t_2) \right) = \\ &- e^{-\lambda t_3} (1 + \lambda(t_3 - t_2)) \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \lambda(t_2 - t_1) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t_3} (1 + \lambda(t_3 - t_2)) \end{aligned}$$

so that the recursion is apparent and gives

$$(-1)^3 \frac{\partial^3}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2 \partial t_3} \mathbb{P} \left( \mathcal{T}_1 > t_1, \, \mathcal{T}_2 > t_2, \, \mathcal{T}_3 > t_3 \right) = \lambda^3 \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda t_3}$$

Variant definition (2)

A counting process N(t),  $t \ge 0$  is a Poisson process with intensity  $\lambda > 0$  if

- 1. N(0) = 0
- 2. The process has independent and stationary increments.

3. 
$$\mathbb{P}(N(t) = 1) = \lambda t + o(t)$$
 as  $t \to 0$ 

4. 
$$\mathbb{P}\left(N(t)>1
ight)=o(t)$$
 as  $t
ightarrow0$ 

$$\mathbb{E}(N(t)) = \lambda t$$
 and for  $t \to 0$ :

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{P}(N(t) = 1) = e^{-\lambda t}(\lambda t) = \lambda t + o(t) \\ \mathbb{P}(N(t) > 1) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t} - e^{-\lambda t}(\lambda t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}(1 + (\lambda t)) = o(t) \end{cases}$$

#### Ex.14

The two definitions are equivalent.

Let us consider the moment generating function of N(t), i.e.  $g(t) = \mathbb{E}\left(e^{uN(t)}\right)$ . Note g(0) = 1, and let us derive a differential equation for g.

$$g(t+h) = \mathbb{E}\left(e^{uN(t+h)}\right)$$
$$= \mathbb{E}\left(e^{uN(t)}e^{v(N(t+h)-N(t))}\right) \text{ independence}$$
$$= \mathbb{E}\left(e^{uN(t)}\right) \mathbb{E}\left(e^{u(N(t+h)-N(t))}\right) \text{ stationarity}$$
$$= g(t)g(h)$$

As  $h \rightarrow 0$ 

$$g(h) = \sum_{k} e^{uk} \mathbb{P} (N(h) = k)$$
$$= (1 - \lambda + o(h)) + e^{u} (\lambda h + o(h)) + \sum_{k>1} e^{uk} o(h)$$
$$= \boxed{1 - (\lambda h) + e^{u} (\lambda h) + o(h)}$$

By letting  $h \rightarrow 0$  in the definition of derivative we obtain the equation

$$g'(t) = \lambda(e^u - 1)g(t)$$

whose solution is

$$g(t) = \exp \left[\lambda \left(e^u - 1\right)\right]$$

This is the moment generating function of the  $Poisson(\lambda t)$  distribution.

#### Ex.15

Check the following:

- prove the last statement;
- take a subdivision of the interval [0, t] and use the binomial law to count how many contain a jump of N(t);
- avoid the stationarity condition by introducing a new condition infinitesimal condition.

### 30. Poisson process: simulation

- The conditional distribution of a random variable X given the event B is the probability measure μ<sub>X|B</sub> of the domain of X such that for all integrable φ it holds E (φ ∘ X 1<sub>B</sub>) = P (B) ∫ φ(x) μ<sub>X|B</sub>(dx). Note that μ<sub>X|B</sub> is supported by B and the notation E (φ ∘ X |B) = ∫ φ(x) μ<sub>X|B</sub>(dx). The conditional distribution is identified on a monotone class.
- Let  $U_1, \ldots, U_n$  be iid U(0, t). The sorting map  $\tau(t_1, \ldots, t_n) = (t_{(1)}, \ldots, t_{(n)})$  is almost surely defined and takes values in the open simplex  $\Delta(t) = \{\mathbf{s} = (s_1, \ldots, s_n)| 0 < s_1 < \cdots < s_n < t\}$ . The  $\Delta(t)$ -valued random variable  $(U_{(1)}, \ldots, U_{(n)}) = \tau(U_1, \ldots, U_n)$  is the order statistics of  $(U_1, \ldots, U_n)$ . The distribution  $\nu$  of the order statistics is the image under the sorting map of the uniform distribution,  $\int_{\Delta(t)} \phi(\mathbf{s}) \nu(d\mathbf{s}) = \int_{\Delta(t)} \phi(\mathbf{s}) \tau_* \nu(d\mathbf{s}) = t^{-n} \int_{[0,t]^n} \phi \circ \tau(\mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{t} =$  $t^{-n} \sum_{\Pi \in \mathfrak{P}} \int_{\Pi^{-1}(\Delta(t))} \phi \circ \tau(\mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{t} = n! t^{-n} \int_{\Delta(t)} \phi(\mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{t}$ , where  $\mathfrak{P}$  is the group of permutation matrices on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

#### Past jump times are uniform and independent

Let  $T_1, T_2, \ldots$  be the arrival times of a Poisson process with intensity  $\lambda$ .

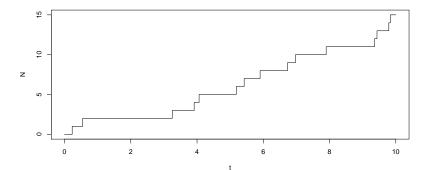
• The joint distribution of  $T_1, \ldots, T_n$ , conditional to  $\{N(t) = n\}$  has uniform density

$$f(t_1,\ldots,t_n) = \frac{n!}{t^n} (0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_n < t)$$

• Such a density is the joint density of the order statistics of *n* random variables  $U_1, \ldots, U_n$  IID uniformly distributed on ]0, t[.

#### A simulation

```
lambda <- 1; t <- 10
n <- rpois(1,lambda*t); uniform <- runif(n,0,t)
x <- sort(uniform)
plot(c(0,x,t),c(0:n,n),type="s",xlab="t",ylab="N")</pre>
```



### Ex.16 Proof.

Consider the monotone class  $\{\mathbf{t} \mapsto \phi_1(t_1) \cdots \phi_n(t_n) | \phi_i \text{bounded} \}$ .

$$\mathbb{E}(\phi_{1}(T_{1})\cdots\phi_{n}(T_{n})(N_{t}=n)) = \mathbb{E}(\phi_{1}(T_{1})\cdots\phi_{n}(T_{n})(N_{t}=n))$$

$$= \mathbb{E}(\phi_{1}(T_{1})\cdots\phi_{n}(T_{n})(T_{n} \leq t)(t - T_{n} < X_{n+1}))$$

$$= e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E}\left(\phi_{1}(T_{1})\cdots\phi_{n}(T_{n})(T_{n} \leq t)e^{\lambda T_{n}}\right)$$

$$= e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E}\left(\phi_{1}(X_{1})\cdots\phi_{n}(X_{1}+\cdots+X_{n})(X_{1}+\cdots+X_{n} \leq t)e^{\lambda(X_{1}+\cdots+X_{n})}\right)$$

$$= \lambda^{n}e^{-\lambda t} \int \cdots \int \phi_{1}(x_{1})\cdots\phi_{n}(x_{1}+\cdots+x_{n})(x_{1}+\cdots+x_{n} \leq t) dx_{1}\cdots dx_{n}$$

$$=$$

$$= \lambda^{n}e^{-\lambda t} \int \cdots \int \phi_{1}(s_{1})\cdots\phi_{n}(s_{n}) dt_{1}\cdots dt_{n}$$

$$\Delta(t)$$

$$=\frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!}\mathrm{e}^{-\lambda t}\int\cdots\int\phi_1(s_1)\cdots\phi_n(s_n)\frac{n!}{t^n}\mathbbm{1}_{\Delta(t)}\ dt_1\cdots dt_n.$$